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SUBJECT New Import Regulations

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regulations dated 2 Jul 53 are in effect in Guatemala which provide in effect as follows:

- a. All import cargo for destinations outside Guatemala will be refused permission for onward shipment if not in transit from Guatemala within eight days of arrival. Only in cases where "force majeure" can be proved will the period of eight days be extended and in no case will this extension continue beyond one month. Cargo refused further transit will be considered an import into Guatemala.
- b. All cargo entering Guatemala must be supported by bills of lading or a receipt in quadruplicate showing a full description of the goods, including consignee, destination, weight, value, numbers of packages and marks and numbers. The absence of a bill of lading subjects the goods to a fine of 5% of the import duties. Copies of all shipping documents must be lodged with the Customs at point of entry.
- c. Goods arriving in Guatemala are subject to Customs examination at point of entry and the amount of duty will be computed there and a deposit levied by the Customs. Upon leaving Guatemala the Customs at point of exit will check the goods with the documents and if there are any differences or it is considered any goods have been removed, a further search will be conducted. The deposit will be returned at point of exit upon proof that all charges for handling and storage have been paid as well as any fines that may have been incurred for infringement of regulations or discrepancies in the description of the goods. It is possible to provide the Customs with bonds in lieu of cash deposits, in which circumstances a certificate is granted at the point of exit that goods left the country, so that the bonds may be cancelled.
- d. The above regulations do not apply<sup>cc</sup>, however, when goods are transported in railroad cars sealed by the Customs at point of entry.

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